

As a new XM Satellite subscriber, I find access to local news and weather programming a significant benefit - one of the key reasons that I subscribe to the service. Traffic reports are timely, accurate, and repeat far more frequently than traditional AM/FM broadcasts. Sound quality is clear. I can access to other cities when I travel. This is a great improvement over services provided by traditional broadcasters. Blocking such broadcasts would be a taking a giant step backwards and serving no one except protecting corporate radio station and broadcasting conglomerates with their own self interests in mind.

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The FCC must ensure that competition is fostered. Taking a policy stance that stifles competition, is simply not in the best interest of consumers.

Clearly XM offers new choice in content, better technology, and better service - improvements enough that I am willing to pay for this service. It unfortunate that monopolist broadcasters feel threatened. May I suggest that their efforts be better spent competing in the marketplace with improved products, services and technologies, instead of competing with lobbyists, lawyers, and courts.

With best regards,

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